1	province of Ms. Marshall?
2	A Yes, unless she felt there was some reason to bring it
3	to my attention.
4	Q Okay. And do you have any specific recollection
5	relative to this pleading or this document, whether that was
6	done here?
7	A I do not believe so. I do remember being told at some
8	point in the process that Dixie's records were very
9	fragmentary and very incomplete. I also remember being told
10	that the reason that Dixie's records were incomplete was
11	because the station had at some point in the relatively recent
12	past a computer system, put their personnel records on the
13	computer and had discarded all of the previous records.
14	So the substance of this opposition, I haven't read it
15	but my I, I believe if I did read it what I would find is
16	that the substance is largely an anecdotal type response as
17	opposed to a statistical sort of response to the petition to
18	deny. And the reason for that, it was my understanding, was
19	that the station lacked records to give a, a statistical
20	refutation of the charges.
21	Q All right. Let's, let's turn to page 4, specifically
22	footnote 5. And, if you would, just read that to yourself.
23	A Okay. All right, I've read it.
24	Q Okay. Now, with respect to the, you know, change in
25	information from 16 new hires to 12 new hires, do you recall

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1	having any role whatsoever in, you know, checking the factual
2	accuracy of what appears here?
3	A I don't have any recollection and I doubt that I would
4	have played any such role, other than just my general
5	admonition that I told you about earlier, that to the extent
6	information deviates from what was said in the renewal
7	application that we disclose to the Commission and an
8	explanation for the deviation be provided. I notice that this
9	footnote corresponds to that, that procedure.
10	Q All right. There's another point I'd like you to check
11	with respect to the EEO program, and it's probably buried in
12	that pile that you've got in front of you there. Okay.
13	Looking at the, you know, new hire information, and I think
14	it's on the fourth page
15	A I see it.
16	Q All right. Now, there are two sections noted there,
17	one for overall hires and one for
18	MR. SCHATTENFIELD: Which, which report are you looking
19	at?
20	MR. SHOOK: The 1988 EEO, EEO program.
21	MR. SCHATTENFIELD: 396?
22	MR. SHOOK: The Form 396.
23	BY MR. SHOOK:
24	Q Okay. Is there anything about the numbers there that
25	catches your attention?

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No. I see the numbers. All right. Do you notice that for overall hires I believe the number 16, you know, overall hires is noted, but 3 when you go to the upper four job categories it's two? That is correct. 5 All right. Now, it's your understanding -- Or is it 6 7 your understanding from your experience that most radio stations categorize virtually all of their employees as being 8 employed in the upper four job categories? That is correct as a general matter, yes. Most --10 And --11 12 Most stations, the only person in the other than top 13 four would be a secretarial position. 14 All right. And so, looking at this, the suggestion is 15 that virtually all of their hires were secretarial in nature, if one --16 At least in the -- At least in job categories other 17

Right, if one took that at face value.

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than the upper four.

1	have even been as carefully as I looked at it now. And I, I
2	don't think I noticed that.
3	Q All right. In other words, you don't recall that
4	triggering any, you know
5	A I do not recall it
6	Q question to Dixie?
7	A and the fact that I just sat here and it didn't
8	trigger anything, it probably wouldn't have at the time,
9	because I wouldn't have even looked at it as carefully as I
10	did now.
11	Q All right. But you would agree that this is an unusual
12	situation for a radio station?
13	A Now that you have pointed it out, I agree with that.
14	Q Assuming it to be accurate?
15	A Assuming that this is an accurate figure, yes, sir.
16	Q All right. Now, with respect to the opposition to the
17	petition, I'd like to refer you to footnote 10 which begins on
18	page 10 and continues over to page 11. If you could read that
19	to yourself, please.
20	(Pause.)
21	WITNESS: I've read it.
22	BY MR. SHOOK:
23	Q Okay. Now, the focus of my questions are going to be
24	on those persons who, whose names appear on page 11 in that
25	footnote. First of all, with respect to Messrs. Tate, Hill

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1 |and Patton, it's stated here that they were left off the 1983 report because of oversight. Did you happen to have any 2 conversations with Mr. Bramlett on this subject, as to why three, you know, black male employees would not have been noted on the station's 1983 annual employment report? 6 I don't recall any such conversation and I don't believe that any such conversation ever took place. 7 8 Q Okay. Do you recall discussing the matter with Ms. Marshall? 9 10 I do not recall discussing it with her. 11 Okay. Q 12 It, it is likely that she mentioned that fact to me 13 while she was preparing the opposition, but if she did, it was 14 simply in passing. 15 In your experience, this is a rather significant 16 oversight, though, is it not? 17 Yes, it is. A 18 Considering the size of the station and the number of employees that we're talking about here? 19 20 Yes. 21 All right. Relative to Ms. Stevenson, whose name appears about three, three lines after that, do you recall 23 having any conversation with Mr. Bramlett as to why she was 24 left off?

I recall no such conversation.

Do you recall any such conversations with Ms. Marshall? 2 No, I do not recall any such conversations. All right, would it be fair to state that your 3 understanding at -- in April of 1989, when this opposition is being submitted, that the station has been given a bum rap in the sense that he had had black employees and simply forgot to tell the Commission about them in its annual employment reports? My sense of the thing at the time of the situation, when this opposition was filed, is that the station had been 10 sloppy in its record keeping, but that they were not guilty of 11 discrimination, certainly. And that they had been, in fact, 12 13 affirmative in their recruitment efforts. Okay. And was that understanding essentially derived 14 from the opposition itself or would there have been any other 15 basis for that understanding? 16

It was derived from the facts recited in the opposition

itself that, that Ms. Marshall relaved to me. either through

|when the petition first came in and I introduced him to, to Ms. Marshall for the preparation of the petition he was very 2 upset that a petition had been filed against him. 3 Okay. Do you recall him expressing any reasons as to, you know, why he was upset, other than the fact that he was 5 being petitioned against? He didn't think the petition was justified. 7 Okay. And did he explain in any way why he thought that? 9 That I don't recall. I, I remember speaking to him, 10 A and I believe it was in either in the -- There may have been 11 two telephone calls. I may have had an initial call with him, 12 13 just to say that there is a petition, we need to deal with it, 14 look at it, let's set up a time to talk. And then the 15 subsequent time was when I would have introduced Susan. 16 It may have been only one conversation. 17 remember that. But I know that after he got the petition he 18 was upset and he felt, as you put it, that it was a bum rap. 19 With -- During, during that conversation or immediately 20 prior to that conversation, would it have been your practice 21 to look at your file to see what if any correspondence there 22 had been between yourself and the client in order to, you 23 know, give you a little bit of background information other 24 than simply what you would have, you know, I mean, if you'd just picked up the phone and called him and said, you know,

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1	hey, we've got this petition?
2	A No, I wouldn't have done that.
3	Q Okay. In other words, what I'm, what I'm driving at in
4	kind of a round-about way is whether you would have made any
5	reference to your December 1988 letter when I believe it's,
6	it's the top letter there.
7	A I'm looking for the date, looking for something else.
8	The petition came in in March 1st of 1989. That's like almost
9	four months after the December letter went out. I, at that
10	time, had probably forgotten even writing the December letter.
11	Q All right. In other words, you wouldn't have gone back
12	to the file and said, you know, by the way, do you remember,
13	J. Mack, that I wrote this letter in December and I told you
14	that we're looking at, you know, a possible problem here and,
15	you know, you should get some mitigating information ready,
16	did you do that?
17	A That would not have been my style in dealing with the
18	client, to say I told you so and now you're in trouble and
19	it's No, I wouldn't have done that.
20	Q All right. And you don't recall Mr. Bramlett having
21	made any reference to the letter, the December letter, and
22	said, you know, by the way, it was great that you sent me that
23	letter because I've been busy preparing this information?
24	A I don't remember any, any statement to that effect.
25	Q All right. Now, moving on to Attachment D, do you

1 | recall having any role in the preparation or submission of the supplement to the opposition? MR. SCHATTENFIELD: Can I have a date, please, because 3 I don't have an Attachment D? I just have documents of --4 5 MR. SHOOK: Okay, this is an April 17, 1989, supplement to opposition to petition to deny. 7 WITNESS: I don't recall any, any involvement with this, and it's unlikely that I had any. All that this 9 document does is simply forward executed, that is signed, 10 copies of the supporting statements that were attached to the opposition that had not yet been received when the opposition 11 was filed. 12 13 I would have seen those statements when the opposition 14 was filed and would have reviewed them at that time. The 15 strong likelihood here is that when the signed documents were 16 received by Ms. Marshall she simply filed it with the 17 Commission. And I note on the second page I did not sign this document, even though my name appears there. It's signed 18 19 Daniel F. Van Horn with the initials SAM. That is not my 20 handwriting, it is Ms. Marshall's handwriting. 21 All right. With respect to the attachments themselves 22 or the exhibits or -- I guess it's exhibits here, what if any 23 role would you have had in the preparation of the statements 24 that were made by Nat Tate and by J. Mack Bramlett? 25 Virtually none. I may have discussed them with

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1 |Ms. Marshall or looked at them before she sent them out to be signed, but I didn't have any conversation with either Mr. Bramlett or Mr. Tate about either of these statements. All right. Now, turning back to Attachment B, Attachment B is a July 3, 1989, letter to J. Mack Bramlett from Glen A. Wolf. Now, there's a CC here to Daniel Van Horn. Do you recall receiving this document? I do not have a specific recollection of receiving this 8 document, but since it is CC'd to me, I presume that I did. All right. Do you recall having received documents of 10 Q 11 this nature at or before the time, July 3, 1989? In other words, documents from the EEO Branch that said dear client, 12 13 you know, please supply us with certain information. Yes. Again, I -- if you would ask me to recite which

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1	would it have been your practice to have given this letter to
2	Ms. Marshall and say well, Susan, this is your baby, you call
3	him up and you talk to him and tell him what's going on?
4	A It's conceivable that I could have done that, or I
5	might have just made the call myself and said something to the
6	effect that we've gotten a letter from the Commission, you and
7	Susan will have to respond to it. Again, it could have gone
8	either way.
9	Q In other words, you don't have
10	A I may have called.
11	Q you don't recall right now doing anything like that
12	with respect to this letter? That is, either directly calling
13	Mr. Bramlett himself or giving it to Susan and saying, Susan,
14	you call him?
15	A I, I don't recall which way it would have gone
16	Q All right.
17	A with respect to this letter, but there would have
18	been some follow-up call
19	Q The odds are one or the other?
20	A by one of us. One of us, yes.
21	Q All right. Now, in terms of the nature of the call,
22	what would have been the normal practice for trying to tell a
23	client what it is they're going to get, because the client can
24	get this and maybe you know what it means, but the client is
25	mystified?

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A Well, there's, there's a, a little bit of a distinction you need to make. You're asking about the normal practice or the practice in a case of this sort. If you'll recall, in response to one of your earlier questions, I said that my understanding was that the station didn't have specific records, that those had been lost or destroyed after the switch to the computerized personnel system.

This letter asks for very specific statistical information which it was my understanding the stations did not possess. And, consequently, the nature of the call would have been along the lines of saying we've received a letter from the Commission, is there anything else that we can tell the Commission that we haven't already put into the opposition.

And if we didn't have records before, then presumably we don't have them now. And, therefore, is there anything else that we can say in response to this?

Q Was there any sense or understanding conveyed with a letter of this nature that what the Commission is looking for is a way to compare overall hiring and minority hiring, as well as what efforts, if any, were made in the normal course to fill jobs as they became available?

A That, that's obviously the thrust of, of the letter, is to obtain applicant flow information and information about referral sources, racial and gender of applicants. And those -- That was information which, in the case of these

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stations, I believed had been thrown away.

Q All right. Now, going back to the opposition, and it
may be that I'm overlooking it, so if there's something in
here that you can point me to, I'd appreciate it. But having,
having read through this, I don't have any specific
recollection that there's any statement in here that alerts
the Commission that employment information doesn't exist or
has been thrown away or -
A That, that may be the case.

MR. SCHATTENFIELD: I'd like to object to that --

1	A I would have to read the document in its entirety in
2	order to answer that question. If you're representing to me
3	that it's not there, it's not. So the document speaks for
4	itself.
5	Q All right. Well, why don't, why don't we take a couple
6	of minutes to just browse through this to see if we I've
7	looked through it before and I didn't notice anything, but
8	MR. SCHATTENFIELD: He's correct, the document will
9	speak for itself, unless that's a predicate for a further
10	question. Or you could ask, or you could ask him if it
11	doesn't so we can I have to read it because Never mind.
12	I guess that wouldn't work.
13	(Off the record.)
14	(Back on the record.)
15	WITNESS: I have looked through this quickly. I don't
16	see anything that says specifically that there are no records.
17	BY MR. SHOOK:
18	Q All right. Now, do you recall Let me turn Let
19	me, let me refer you to Attachment C.
20	MR. SCHATTENFIELD: Which is what?
21	MR. SHOOK: Which is a July 28th, 1989, letter to Donna
22	Serecy (phonetic sp.) from Daniel F. Van Horn.
23	MR. SCHATTENFIELD: Can I see it?
24	BY MR. SHOOK:
25	Q Do you recall preparing this letter?

1	A I do not have a specific recollection of preparing the
2	letter, but that is my signature. So I did.
3	Q All right. Well, having, having read through the
4	letter, this is the kind of letter that you would have put
5	together? I mean, this isn't somebody else's letter that was
6	given to you for a signature?
7	A This is most likely my own.
8	Q All right. Do you recall what was going through your
9	mind in deciding that in response to the Commission's July 3,
10	1989, letter that what you were going to submit was the
11	station's opposition to the petition to deny?
12	A Give me that again.
13	Q Okay. What was going through your mind that led to the
14	decision that in responding, you know, your response to the
15	Commission's July 3 letter, is going to consist of the
16	opposition?
17	A What was going through my mind was the belief that I
18	had that the station's records that would have been needed to
19	respond to the specific questions which the Commission asked
20	And I've now forgotten the date of that letter.
21	Q You mean the Commission's letter?
22	A The Commission's letter.
23	Q July 3.
24	A July 3rd letter was unavailable and that everything
25	that we had to say relative to the station's EEO efforts for

minority hiring was set forth in the opposition and that there was nothing further that we could say without just making it up. And that, therefore, the, the only response we could make 3 was what was in the opposition. 5 Do you recall any discussions with Mr. Bramlett that, you know, this is the course we should take because? 7 I do have a -- some recollection of calling him. 8 would have been at or about the time that I received the July 9 3rd letter saving -- This may, this may have been a 10 conversation I had with Susan and she called him. I --11 That's, that's where I'm losing this a little bit. But the 12 thrust of it was we've gotten the letter and the Commission 13 wants now very detailed, very specific information about the 14 applicants that we had, what their race and gender was, where 15 they came from, and any other information in that letter that 16 was requested. 17 Do we have -- Are we sure we have no records that we 18 can give a response to that kind of specific question? And 19 the answer coming back was we have no records, those records 20 were all lost, discarded. For whatever reason, they are unavailable. 21 22 Was there any discussion with Mr. Bramlett about 23 providing the Commission with any explanation to that effect? 24 That I don't recall. What I do remember is thinking that we had, we had nothing more to say other than what was

|said in the opposition.

Q Do you recall in this -- in your conversation or conversations with Mr. Bramlett about this response what the possible outcomes of the Commission inquiry at this point might be, you know, considering that there was a petition to deny?

A I don't remember if there was a discussion on that point or not. If there had been a discussion, I think what I would have said -- And it's likely I would have mentioned something like that. I, I was assuming that the station would get seported conditions because in my mind the station was really not guilty of an EEO infraction of any kind other than their failure to have records in order to document their performance.

I thought when you look at the station's actual performance based on the anecdotal evidence that we had submitted, it was apparent that they were engaged in, in meaningful outreach efforts to recruit minorities, that they had had some success in doing that, that their results

- 1 | the Commission asked about EEO performance. And, for that
- 2 reason, I thought it was, it was even appropriate and likely
- 3 that they would get reporting conditions, but I did not
- 4 believe that there would be any more severe sanction than
- 5 that.
- 6 Q In this general area of time, the summer of 1989, did
- 7 you have any knowledge as to how many employees the station
- 8 may have employed or hired during the 1982 to '89 license
- 9 period?
- 10 A No. Let me put this -- that answer in context a little
- 11 bit, if I may. The nature of my representation of Dixie for
- 12 FCC purposes was, I don't want to say limited because that's
- 13 sort of confusing, too, but it was, it was the sort of
- 14 arrangement when Dixie needed something done they would
- 15 contact us, we would do it.
- 16 There are some clients that I represented that I would
- 17 be on the phone with them almost on a daily basis, certainly
- 18 on a weekly basis. And I was very much aware of the kind of
- 19 operation that they were running, how big it was. I even
- 20 | knew -- even to the point\_of\_knowing people\_at the stations

1 | it done, and they -- if they had an engineering application 2 | that they needed to have filed, they would call us and say we 3 | need you to file this application.

It was entirely possible that months would go by where there would be no contact with them at all. So I did not have the kind of close familiar knowledge of their operation that I would have had in the case of certain other clients. And it was — The only person I really talked to at the station was Mr. Bramlett, other than his wife who's the person who usually answered the phone when you called the station.

Based on the kind of limited contact that I had with him and with the licensee, it was my impression that this was very much a kind of a ma and pa operation in that it was Mr. Bramlett, his wife, his kids, and maybe a couple more employees.

That was the impression that the station gave. You'd call down there and Becky Bramlett would answer the phone, oh, yeah, Mack's here, and it's almost like she's passing the phone to him. You'd hear their kids running around in the background and it, it seemed at times like they were almost running the station out of their home.

Q All right, I'd like to move on to Attachment E. And is a March 15, 1991, letter to J. Mack Bramlett from Glen Wolf, and I'll note for the benefit of our audience here that Mr. Van Horn is not included this time as a CC. However,

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[Mr. Van Horn, do you recall having seen this letter? I don't have a specific recollection of seeing this 3 specific letter, but I'm certain that I did see it. All right. Now, if you will note in the second line, there is a telephone conversation referenced there between 5 Hope Cooper and, it says, your attorney. Now, that reference to "your attorney" does not mean you, does it? 7 I have never spoken to Hope Cooper. All right. Do you recall Susan Marshall having come to 10 you and said well, I was on the phone with Hope Cooper and 11 this is what happened? 12 I remember having several brief conversations with 13 Ms. Marshall about conversations she had had with Hope Cooper. 14 Okay. Do you recall in the area of early 1991 any such conversation having taken place? 15 16 I can't fix it in time that well. I, I do remember 17 that Susan told me she had had telephone contact with Hope Cooper, and I think there was more than one such contact. 18 19 Okay. Well, rather than trying to fix it in time, 20 let's see if we can fix it in sequence. Do you remember 21 anything about the first of those conversations? 22 The nature of the conversations that I had with Ms. Marshall were brief, maybe a minute in duration. And she

24 was doing other things for me besides this. obviously. and

1	Q So, essentially, she's keeping you informed?
2	A She's keeping me informed about what is what the
3	progress of the case is, what developments are taking place,
4	and what she is doing in response to matters as they arise.
5	Q Do you recall her telling you that the EEO staff is not
6	real thrilled with the response that Dixie has given and, you
7	know, wants additional information because it's of the belief
8	that the response that it got the first time didn't answer its
9	questions?
10	A I don't remember her using any words exactly of that
11	sort. I remember her telling me that, telling me that the EEO
12	staff was still was raising continuing questions about
13	information that had been provided and asking for additional
14	information.
15	Q All right. Would it have been her normal practice to
16	have brought a letter like this to your attention or simply
17	talked to you about it?
18	A I'm not sure there really was a normal practice. She
19	may have shown it to me, she may have just told me about it.
20	Q Okay. But that doesn't necessarily bring to mind this
21	letter in particular?
22	A No, it does not.
23	Q Do you recall having any conversations with people at
24	Dixie on or about the date of this letter?
25	A No, I do not recall any such conversations, and I doubt

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1	that any such conversations took place because I had delegated
2	this matter to Ms. Marshall and she would have been the one
3	dealing with them in preparing a response.
4	Q So had conversations occurred, they probably would have
5	taken place between Ms. Marshall and people at Dixie?
6	A That is correct.
7	Q Now, moving on to Attachment F
8	MR. SCHATTENFIELD: Is that the
9	MR. SHOOK: That is the April 18, 1991
10	MR. SCHATTENFIELD: That's fine.
11	MR. SHOOK: letter and the enclosures that went with
12	that. And it appears to be about 10 pages in length.
13	BY MR. SHOOK:
14	Q Now, I note that the cover letter has been prepared by,
15	or signed by, Susan Marshall. Did the letter and/or any of
16	the materials attached to it come to your attention prior to
17	the time this was submitted to the Commission?
18	A The letter, probably not. The supplemental report that
19	is attached to it, yes, that would have been prepared in a
20	manner similar to the opposition itself. Specifically,
21	Ms. Marshall would have prepared this draft in consultation,
22	presumably with Mr. Bramlett, although I, I guess I'm kind of
23	assuming that because all of my dealings were always directly
24	with Mr. Bramlett.
25	I don't know who she talked to at the station. She may

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1 | have talked to more people than Mr. Bramlett. But she would have prepared this, let me just say in consultation with the licensee and leave it at that. She would have shown this to me prior to filing it. Again, I may have made a stylistic change here or there, but as to the substance of what is recited here, I would have no involvement.

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As to the factual information that is contained in the supplemental report, I would have had no involvement and no knowledge of those facts. The one stylistic thing that comes to mind that Susan would always do, in her responses she would say the station hired a full-time black, and I always changed that because I figured if you're black you're black full time, whether you're employed full time or part time. That's the one stylistic change that I remember her having a problem with. Just about everything she wrote she would have that There's three full-time blacks. On the weekend,

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